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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE REPERTORY THEATRE TOURS

1. DEPT. HAS JUST LEARNED OF TWO PROPOSED TOURS BY AMERICAN THEATRE REPERTORY COMPANIES IN EAST ASIA IN SUMMER OF 1978.
2. YALE REPERTORY THEATRE, PROFESSIONAL COMPANY UNDER DIRECTOR ROBERT BRUSTEIN, HAS INVITATION FOR TWO WEEKS IN HONG KONG IN JULY AND SEEKING ADDITIONAL COMMERCIAL ENGAGEMENTS BEFORE OR AFTER AND DEPT. SUPPORT. BRUSTEIN WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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ADVISED MAJOR PORTION OF OUR BUDGET FOR EA GOING TO ANOTHER PROJECT (I.E. EASTMAN WIND ENSEMBLE). YALE REPERTOIRE WILL INCLUDE NEW AMERICAN PLAY AND EUROPEAN CLASSIC DONE IN MODERN STYLE. FEE IS IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF DOLS 25,000 WEEKLY PLUS TRAVEL.

3. THROUGH AUGUST 17 LETTER TO CU/ARTS FROM TOKYO IMPRESARIO

WALTER NICHOLS (FORMER CAO TOKYO) WE LEARNED AMERICAN CONSERVATORY THEATRE OF SAN FRANCISCO ALSO PLANNING EXTENSIVE ASIAN TOUR JULY 1 THROUGH AUGUST 1978. HE IS NEGOTIATING ENGAGEMENTS IN MANILA, HONG KONG AND SEOUL AFTER JAPAN AND IS REQUESTING SUBSIDY FROM CU. NICHOLS ADVISES COMPANY WILL "PERFORM TWO AMERICAN PLAYS, PREFERABLY AMERICAN CLASSICS" ALTHOUGH COMPANY ONLY RELUCTANTLY DID AMERICAN PLAYS ON SOVIET UNION TOUR 1976.

4. DEPT. CAN MAKE NO COMMITMENT EITHER PROJECT UNTIL WE ASCERTAIN HOW MUCH OF FY 1978 EASTMAN PROJECT WILL UTILIZE, AND IF GROUP CAN OBTAIN SOME COMMERCIAL ENGAGEMENTS TO COVER PORTION TRANSOCEANIC FARE. DEPT. MIGHT CONSIDER MODEST SUPPORT TO ONE COMPANY BASED ON REPERTOIRE, ARTISTIC EVALUATION, BUDGET, ETC.

5. DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING WHICH POSTS ARE INTERESTED IN ENGLISH-SPEAKING THEATRE COMPANY AND ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR LOCAL SPONSORS.

6. TOKYO: POST MAY WISH PASS CONTENTS REFTEL TO WALTER NICHOLS AT 402-6753. CHRISTOPHER

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